

— Capsule Summary
SM-547
Stephen and Mildred Jones House
Leonardtown
Private

early 1920s

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St. Mary's County
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization:	Western Shore
Chronological/Developmental Period:	Industrial Urban Dominance, 1870-1930
Historic Period Theme:	Architecture

Resource Type

Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Town
Historic Function and Use:	Residence
Known Design Source:	None

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. SM-547

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Stephen M. and Mildred F. Jones House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 48 East Fenwick Street not for publication

city, town Leonardtown vicinity of congressional district 3

state Maryland county St. Mary's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> X </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture	<u> </u> museum
<u> X </u> building(s)	<u> X </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational	<u> X </u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment	<u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> X </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government	<u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial	<u> </u> transportation
	<u> X </u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military	<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Daniel W. and Patricia Muchow

street & number PO Box 213 telephone no.: (301) 475-5862

city, town Leonardtown state and zip code Maryland 20650

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber MRB 102

street & number folio 156

city, town Leonardtown state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 1

The Jones House is located at 48 Fenwick Street near the central business district of Leonardtown, Maryland. The dwelling is approached via a dirt road that passes in front of two other two story frame houses. These buildings border the Jones house to the west while Fenwick Street forms the southern boundary. A wooded tract forms the east boundary and a pair of frame dwellings mark the northern limits of the property. The house sits approximately 50 feet from Fenwick Street as the lot gently slopes to the north. The wooded tract to the east marks the beginning of a steep hill that descends to the east.

Constructed c. 1919-1920, the Jones House is a one-and-a-half story, three-bay, frame, Craftsman-style bungalow with a concrete block foundation and a gable roof. While currently covered with vinyl siding, the building was originally covered with wood clapboard. The primary or south elevation of the dwelling features a full length porch supported by four squat columns with sloping or battered sides that rest on rusticated concrete block piers. Between these columns and piers (except between the central two columns) is a balustrade composed of square balusters topped by a railing. The porch shades three symmetrically placed bays that consist of a centrally located doorway (with a rectangular transom) flanked on both sides by three-part windows. These windows exhibit a central twelve-over-one, double-hung sash window flanked on each side by a slender six-over-one, double-hung sash window. This elevation also features a centrally placed gable dormer with a pair of sliding windows. At the lowest juncture of the dormer and roof, the roof changes to a flatter pitch. This also occurs on the north elevation as well. The roof, itself, is covered with pressed-tin shingles and is pierced by two, interior, brick chimney flues.

Other notable characteristics include a shed roof projection on the west gable-end of the dwelling. Similar projections were found on William and Agnes Mattingly House on Church Street (SM-542). The Jones House also features an open cornice with exposed rafter tails on the south and north elevations and decorative (false) beams/braces on the east and west gable ends.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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8.1 Significance

Chain-of-title (Please note that all records can be found in the Land Records Office, St. Mary's County Courthouse in Leonardtown, Maryland unless otherwise noted.)

Reference: Liber MRB 102, Folio 156

Grantee: Daniel W. and Patricia Muchow

Grantor: Adele J. Van Devanter and Mildred F. Jones

Date: July 31, 1981

Notes: Located at 48 East Fenwick Street in Leonardtown, the 1.08 acre property was purchased for \$157,000. The deed also describes the property as once called "Orchard" and located beside I. Stanley Johnson's store.

Reference: Liber EBA 19, Folio 34

Grantee: Stephen M. and Mildred F. Jones

Grantor: I. Stanley and Ida F. Johnson

Date: March 3, 1920

Notes: Purchased for \$500, the property is called "Orchard." Soon after this transaction this house was built.

Reference: Liber EBA 17, Folio 456

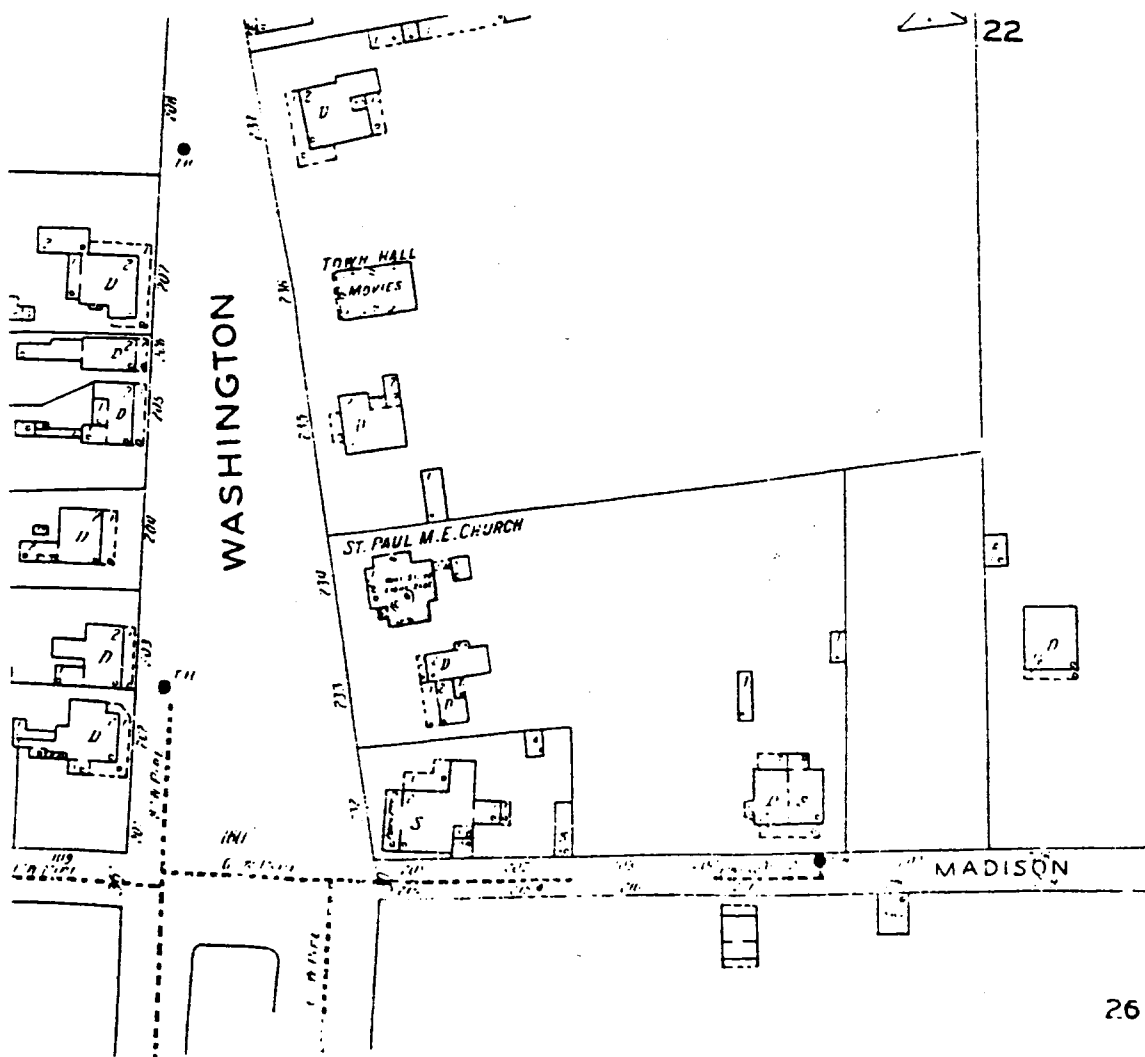
Grantee: I. Stanley and Ida F. Johnson

Grantor: Delia H. Maddox, Cora Maddox Cole and Robert H. Cole, her husband, and Mattie Maddox Key--all heirs of Susan R. Maddox

Date: June 8, 1919

Notes: This deed notes that the property contains about 12 acres and was purchased for \$2,750. Unfortunately, there is no bean clause to continue the chain-of-title.

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8.2 Significance



1928 Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map of Leonardtown, Maryland showing the Stephen M. and Mildred F. Jones house. Note that Madison Street is now called Fenwick Street. Map courtesy of Becky Proffitt and the Sanborn Fire Insurance Company Archives.

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8.3 Significance

THE SHERIDAN



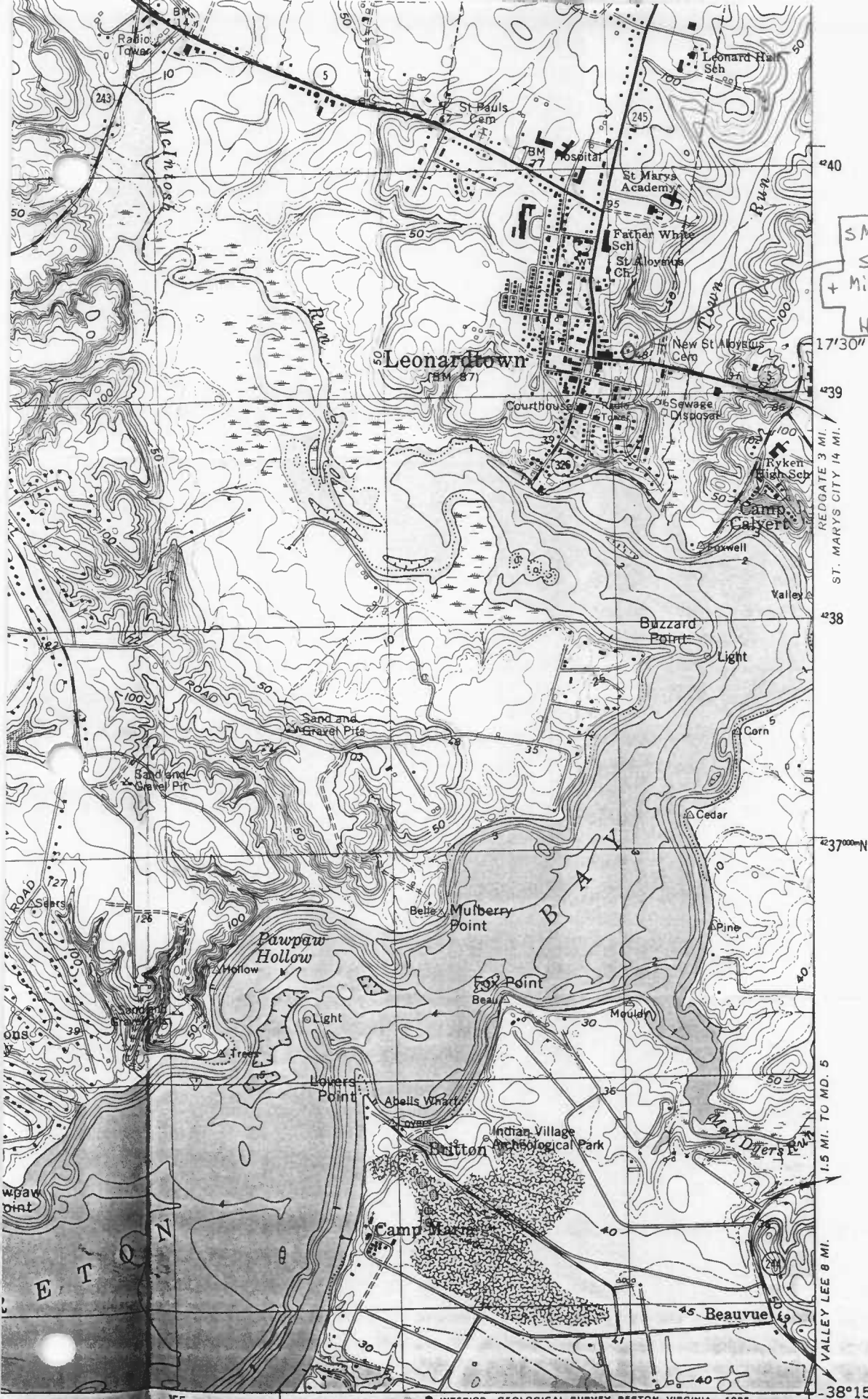
The Sheridan is a popular type of bungalow, planned to give the utmost livable space for its size, 28 by 38 feet. The upkeep cost is very small. All the materials are high grade. The porch extends across the entire front of the bungalow and may be screened or glazed and used as a most desirable room. This house can be built with the rooms reversed.

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Details and features: Eight rooms and one bath. Full-width front porch supported by paired square columns; gabled dormer; glazed front door.

Years and catalog numbers: 1925 (3224); 1926 (P3224); 1928 (C3224); 1929 (P3224)

Price: \$2,095 to \$2,256

As a Craftsman-style bungalow, the Jones house exhibited many similar characteristics to dwellings that were often featured in catalogs. "The Sheridan" represents one such similar design found in Sears, Roebuck, & Company house catalogs from 1925-1929. Note the comparable use of the gable roof dormer, full-width front porch, gable-end shed roof projections, exposed roof brackets, and six-over-one, double-hung sash windows. Katherine Cole Stevenson and H. Ward Jandl, Houses By Mail, A Guide to Houses from Sears, Roebuck, & Company (Washington, DC: The Preservation Press, 1986), p. 145.

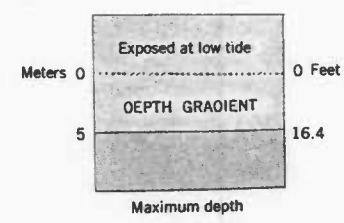


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Stephen
+ Mildred
Jones
House

Feet	Meters
1	.3048
2	.6096
3	.9144
4	1.2192
5	1.5240
6	1.8288
7	2.1336
8	2.4384
9	2.7432
10	3.0480

To convert feet to meters
multiply by .3048

To convert meters to feet
multiply by 3.2808



LEONARDTOWN, MD.
SW/4 LEONARDTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE
38076-C6-TB-024

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty _____ Light-duty _____
Medium-duty _____ Unimproved dirt _____

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5660 II NE

1963
BATHYMETRY ADDED 198:
PHOTOREVISED 1984
DMA 5660 I SW-SERIES V833



